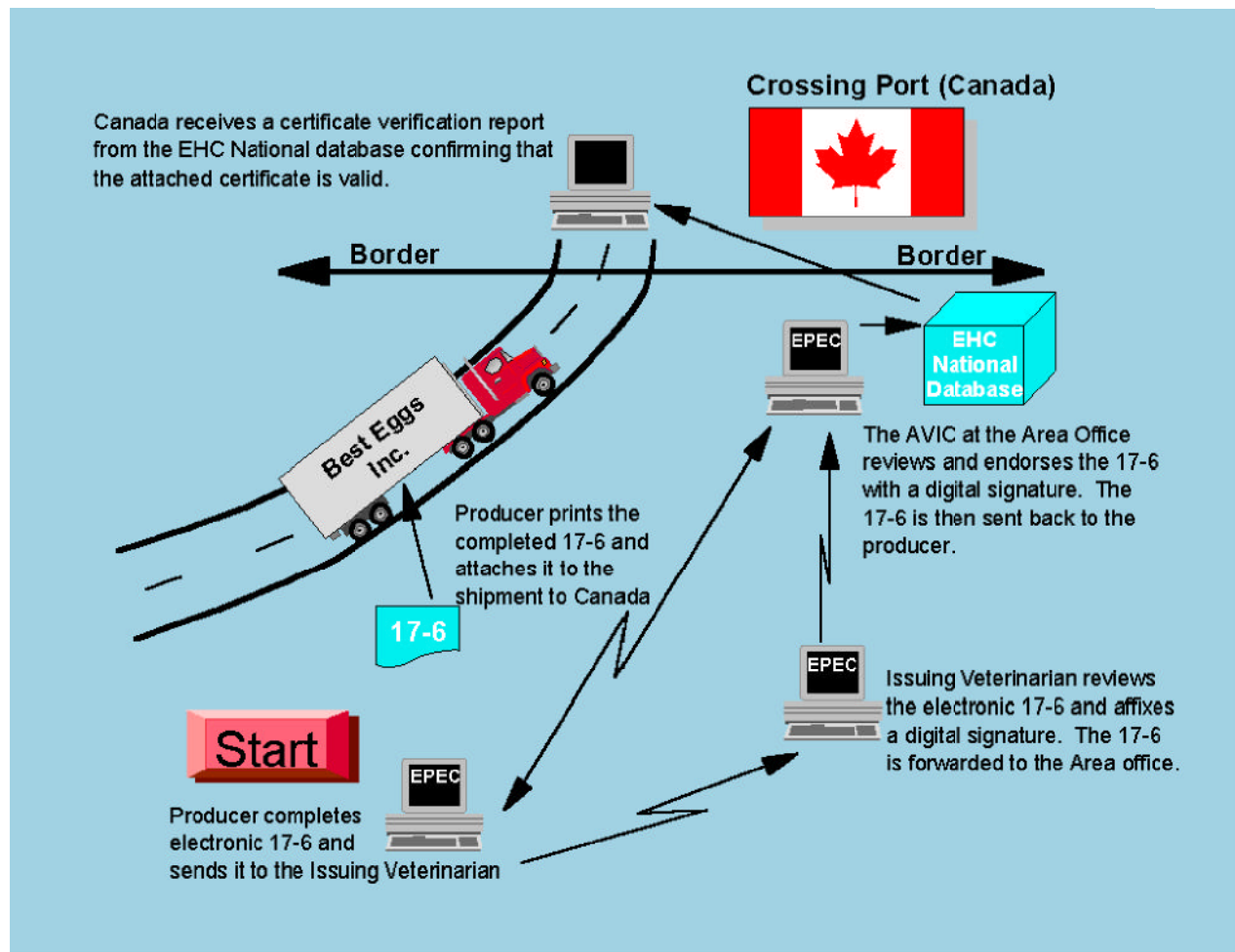


Export Poultry Electronic Certificate System

The Export Poultry Electronic Certificate System (EPEC) provides exporters of poultry or hatching eggs to Canada with a fast, efficient, reliable and accountable method for processing Export Health Poultry Certificates, the VS-17-6. This electronic system will reduce shipping delays and eliminate manual input of data into the Export Health Certification database.



With this system, the electronic routing of Export health Certificates is initiated by the producer. An issuing veterinarian reviews the electronic VS17-6 sent by the producer and affixes his or her electronic signature. The veterinarian forwards the form to the Area Office where it is endorsed by a second veterinarian. The approved certificate is then sent back to the producer who will attach it to the shipment to Canada.



At the present time, Canada is the only country accepting a full implementation of the electronic form, but other countries are expected to begin accepting the form soon in either partial or full implementation.

CADIA:

The Center for Animal Disease Information and Analysis (CADIA) assists Veterinary Services in collecting, managing, analyzing and disseminating information critical to VS programs and other APHIS initiatives.

Examples of activities:

- VS program data collection,
- management, analysis and dissemination; epidemiology,
- risk, geospatial and agricultural economic analysis;

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